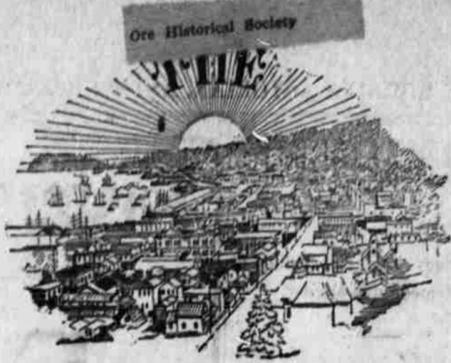


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## MEANS FIGHT

### Japanese Fleet Ordered to Kamranh.

### BATTLE NEXT SUNDAY

### Toga's Fleet Ordered to Fight the Russian Squadron Immediately.

### AGREE ON RADICAL COURSE

Japanese Fear Further Reinforcements to Russian Squadron Would Result Disastrously to the Japanese Fleet in a Naval Battle.

Tokio, April 20.—That Admiral Togo with the whole Japanese fleet, is to sail at once for Kamranh Bay, where Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet is still at anchor, and engage the enemy in a decisive battle is the positive statement made here. After a five hours' momentous conference of leading Japanese statesmen, the Premier and the members of the cabinet, the decision that the Japanese admiral should take the initiative and force the fighting was arrived at. The likelihood of the Russian squadron remaining in the shelter of a friendly French Cochin China port until joined by Vice Admiral Nebogatoff's division of the Russian fleet was considered to add a new and grave danger to the situation, to avert which immediate action was deemed necessary.

The order was forwarded to Togo for Kamranh Bay and force the fighting, on the supposition that the Japanese main fleet is at Pescadore Islands, and that Rojestvensky is in Kamranh Bay, which is 500 miles distant across the China sea. The Japanese admiral should reach the scene of action in less than three days, and Sunday should see the battle.

The attitude of the French government in giving shelter to Rojestvensky was declared a matter for serious after-consideration. A dispatch states that Nebogatoff's squadron has reached Sudan straits on its way to join Rojestvensky in the China sea.

### JAPANESE MINISTER.

### Calls on French Minister to Arrange for Neutrality.

Paris, April 20.—Acting on instructions from his government Dr. Motono, the Japanese minister to France, has called on Foreign Minister Delcasse this evening and submitted representations on behalf of the Japanese government concerning the presence of the Russian Pacific squadron in Kamranh bay. An official communication issued after the meeting states that Minister Motono's action was not in the nature of a formal protest against alleged violations of neutrality, but was to obtain assurance that France would observe strict neutrality.

Notwithstanding the official version of the evident intention and effect of Motono's mission is in the nature of a protest, the foreign minister of France responded to representations of the Japanese minister by pointing out that precautions had been taken to preserve neutrality. Delcasse's assurances are sought to allay apprehensions of the Japanese which he maintained had not been justified by any specific facts. The exact terms of Japan's representations has not been disclosed, but it is understood, while having the usual courteous form of diplomacy, they set forth serious apprehensions aroused by the stay of the Russian warships in Kamranh bay, and that the earnest desire of French neutrality be placed beyond a doubt. The terms of the French response, although not given out, tend to give ample assurances on all questions.

### GRANNY HONORED.

Life Sized Statue to Be Erected in New York. New York, April 20.—A movement

has been inaugurated here to erect a life sized statue in marble of the late actress, Mrs. J. H. Gilbert. The sponsors of the society in charge of the scheme, known as the Mrs. Gilbert Memorial Association, include many persons well known in America. It is proposed to place the statue in one of the public parks or on the ground of the Actors' home, at Stapleton, S. I. The marble tribune to the famous actress will show her in the character of "Granny," which she was playing in Chicago at the time of her death.

### IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

### Next Meeting to Be Held in Portland in August.

Sacramento, April 20.—Governor Pardee, president of the national irrigation congress, has issued an announcement that the next session of the irrigation congress will be held in Portland from August 21 to 24. The governor states that he expects the meeting to be one of the most interesting as well as the most important ones held by the congress.

The United States reclamation scheme promises to be one of the most important subjects for discussion. Some hope that President Roosevelt will attend the session for one day at least and President Diaz of Mexico has also been invited. An effort will be made to have both dignitaries present on the same day.

### OLYMPIA SAILS.

### Brings Large Number of Japanese for Railroad Work.

Honolulu, April 20.—This afternoon the steamer Olympia sailed for Seattle, carrying 593 Japs who reported under contract work for the Great Northern railroad in Montana. The Olympia is also carrying back to Seattle the cargo of coal the Honolulu merchants refused to purchase.

## TROUBLE BREWING

### Great Britain May Be Compelled to Interfere in War.

### ABOUT IMPENDING CRISIS

### Japan Will Insist That France Remain Neutral and It is Stated That This Has Been Guaranteed, and Russian Squadron Kept Off French Territory.

London, April 20.—Notwithstanding emphatic protests from some of the newspapers and the shrieks of indignation from the Jingo press, the British government officials decline to admit anything in the far eastern situation to cause excitement or show that it approaches an actual stage. In other words, the foreign office assumes an attitude of a much interested spectator of the intensely dramatic situation now approaching a climax in which, by some mischance Great Britain might be called upon to play an important part.

The announcement in Paris in dispatches to the Associated Press, that Dr. Motono, the Japanese Minister, has called on Foreign Minister Delcasse with regard to the question of neutrality has not changed the views of officials at the foreign office, where it was pointed out today that Japan had probably not made a formal protest, but simply desires assurances that France will continue to maintain neutrality and not afford the Russians any advantage inconsistent with France's responsibility as a neutral power. The foreign office assumes that France is most certain to give some assurance to Japan.

### FEAST OF THE PASSOVER.

### Orthodox Hebrews Will Observe the Traditional Holiday.

New York, April 20.—The East Side Ghetto general observance of the Passover has begun and will continue one week. Holiday attire is observable throughout the district and stores owned by Orthodox Hebrews were all closed several hours before the usual time. More than 50,000 persons attended services in the synagogues and then repaired to their homes, where a Jewish service was given and special dishes symbolic of the occasion were served to the assembled families and their guests.

## WHEAT MARKET

### Gambling in May Wheat Disastrous.

### PRICES ARE LOWER

### Break of Five Cents a Bushel in the Chicago Market Yesterday.

### WALL STREET INFLUENCE FELT

Big Fight Between John W. Gates and the Armour Company Causes Intense Excitement in the Wheat Pit and Prices Still Going Lower.

Chicago, April 20.—The celebrated deal in May wheat attributed to John W. Gates received seemingly its death blow today. Possibly as much as 5,000,000 bushels for May delivery was dumped on the market. As a result there was a break of 5 cents a bushel in the price, the quotations on May falling from \$1.13 1/4 to \$1.08 1/2.

Some operators professed the opinion that the slump was due to heavy eastern holders of May wheat unloading because of the notable unrest of the stock market, the alleged purpose of the sellers being to get free to protect securities in Wall street. The much more prevalent belief, however, was that Gates was tired of the burden and shifted the May wheat deal to Armour and others. One thing that is said to be certain is that Gates sold tremendous quantities today through at least one house here. When the price of May wheat fell under \$1.10, the commission people poured the wheat on stop loss orders. This caused a breath sheer drop to \$1.08 1/2. The total sales of May wheat is estimated from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 bushels.

While a bear turn was on in May wheat, the Armour people were supporting July wheat against selling drives caused by general rains. It is argued that Armour's enormous buying for July was in the interests of the Gates crowd, either covering heavy spot sales made from \$1.01 down, or possibly going long for the Wall street dealer. At the close of the session May wheat jumped back to \$1.10, leaving the net decline for the day 2 1/2 c.

### CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS.

### Efforts to Stamp Out the Disease in New York.

New York, April 20.—Numerous deaths from cerebro spinal meningitis continue to be reported. There were 10 victims in Manhattan alone on Wednesday and the health department officials do not expect to stamp out the disease until warm weather comes to stay.

Orders have been issued that every place where there has been a case of spinal meningitis shall be fumigated. For the present, however, there is to be no quarantine nor are children or families in which a case exists to be debarred from school attendance. This matter will be considered shortly, however, by the authorities.

A tenement house in Little West Twelfth street, where five children died within a few days and three others have been stricken all in two families, is to be vacated. The tenants, eight families, have been notified to leave within 48 hours, their rent being refunded to them. The house will then be disinfected thoroughly by a new and powerful germicide.

### MINING COMPANY MERGER.

Sullivan Mining Company and Tacoma Smelter Consolidated. New York, April 20.—President F. W. Bradley of the Bunkerhill & Sullivan Mining Company and W. R. Rust, manager of the Tacoma smelter, are in this city to complete the details in connection with the proposed smelting combination on the Pacific Coast. It is expected that the new firm will be capitalized for from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. It will be a close corporation, all the stocks taken by parties directly concerned in the merger. Several conferences of those interested already have been held but no official information as to the plans has been given out.

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### SNOW IN WYOMING.

### Telegraph Poles Levelled and Communications Stopped.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 20.—Trainmen arriving in the city report that every telegraph pole for 30 miles east of Cheyenne and 20 miles south has been leveled by the snow. The Union Pacific sent out emergency squads of linemen to restore connections so that the dispatching of trains may be carried on. The snow is the heaviest ever known here and several points in the city electric light and telephone poles have been broken off by tons of snow and lie obstructing the streets.

### CAPTAIN RELEASED.

### Master of the German Ship Magdalene Discharged from Custody.

San Francisco, April 20.—United States Commissioner Heacock made an order today discharging Captain Heinrich Tinn, master of the German ship Magdalene, from custody. He was arrested for allowing four members of his crew to desert after being notified that they had been denied a landing by the immigration officers. The testimony did not show that Captain Tinn connived at their escape.

Captain Schenk of the steamer Luxor was arrested on a similar charge. As he is in a hurry to take his vessel out of port and as clearance papers have been denied him, he pleaded guilty and was held to answer to the charge before the grand jury. The Luxor was scheduled to sail for Hamburg today.

## DISHONEST METHOD

### Gas Meters Worked By Experts Against Consumers.

### INVESTIGATION AT 'FRISCO

Gas Company of San Francisco Instructs Its Employees, Who Read Gas Meters, to Make Them Register a Larger Percent Than is Indicated.

San Francisco, April 20.—George Wagner of the firm of Sessions & Wagner, electricians at 402 Flood building, said last night when seen at his home, 1406 Eighth street, Oakland, that he had been instructed to make the meters of the San Francisco Gas & Electric Company register too much while he was in the employ of the company.

"When I was working for the company as meter inspector about three years and a half ago," he said, "I received instructions from Foreman Finley to make the meters register about 7 per cent too much, and a little more won't do any harm," he told me. He said that the orders had come to him from Superintendent Sam Naphthaly and that all the meter inspectors were expected to do the same thing.

"As a matter of fact, Percy Levy, another inspector, now living at 1775 Eighth street, Oakland, has since told me that he was told to do the same thing. It is a very easy matter to make a meter register as much or as little as wanted. All you have to do is to move a little magnet in the meter one way or the other."

Wagner will be one of the witnesses before the grand jury when it enters upon its investigation of the meter frauds.

### RAILROAD EXTENSION.

### Contract for Great Northern Extension Has Been Awarded.

Sioux City, Ia., April 20.—The contract for the extension of the Great Northern railroad from Sioux City to Ashland, Neb., has been awarded to Peter Sims, a St. Paul contractor, according to advices received here today. It is said that a big force of men will be put at work within 10 days. The extension of the Great Northern from Sioux City to Ashland will unite the Great Northern and Burlington.

## USUAL DEATH

### Automobile Kills Another Victim.

### CHAUFFEUR ESCAPES

### Italian on Coney Island Knocked Twenty Feet in the Air.

### OFFICER'S VIGILANCE ELUDED

Wealthy Murderer Escapes Notwithstanding the Police Blocked Almost Every Avenue of Escape of the Cowardly Owner of the Machine.

New York, April 20.—Scores of police reserves were turned out in Brooklyn early today in an effort to trace an automobile party responsible for the death of an Italian on Coney Island avenue. All the ferries and bridges to New York were placed under extra guard, but the automobilists escaped.

There were three men and two women in the car, which was of a very large type. It rushed through Park avenue and knocked the man, who happened to be crossing, 20 feet in the air. The chauffeur threw on extra power and rushed from the scene without stopping to aid his victim.

Two policemen picked up the Italian and while one telephoned for the ambulance the other sent a warning to headquarters to look out for the car.

In ten minutes this warning had been repeated to the guards at the bridge and ferries and the way to New York had been blocked long before the car could have reached the river front, but the fugitives apparently made good their escape.

This is the second instance of the kind within a week, a wealthy Harlem undertaker having been run down and fatally injured a few days ago during the early hours of the morning.

### ROJESTVENSKY'S FLEETE.

### Not Known Whether It is Still at Kamranh Bay.

London, April 20.—Although information has been cabled from Saigon, that Admiral Jonquieres, who went to Kamranh bay in order to assure the observance of French neutrality by the Russian Pacific squadron, has returned to his flagship. The dispatch does not state whether Rojestvensky's ships are still at Kamranh bay, neither is there any definite news regarding the progress eastward of Nabogatoff's division. It is considered within the bounds of possibility that Rojestvensky's lingering in Kamranh bay may be due to the conviction that Nabogatoff will soon join him.

The Post's correspondent from Shanghai declares that Shanghai is the headquarters of the Russian intelligence service directing the movements of Rojestvensky. The correspondent reports that the indications are of a likelihood of the interned cruiser Askold attempting to quit port.

### A BRUTAL FATHER.

### Gives His 3-Year-Old Child Cigarettes to Smoke.

San Francisco, April 20.—R. H. Merritt, a carpenter, was arrested yesterday morning by Policeman Scott on a charge of cruelty to a minor child, for permitting his 3-year-old infant son to smoke cigarettes. Scott was somewhat surprised to see the child standing at the corner of Third and Mission street with a cigarette between his baby teeth.

### MEETING POSTPONED.

### Great Northern and O. R. & N. Co. Officials in Conference.

Seattle, April 20.—A meeting of the high officials of the Great Northern and Oregon Railway & Navigation Companies was held in the office of J. O. Farrell, assistant to President Hill today for the purpose of discussing matters of point interest in eastern Washington. President Hill was expected to be present, but was called hurriedly to New York after making part of the journey to the coast. Traffic arrangements and invasion of new territory in Idaho by the Northern Pacific is said to have constituted the topics of discussion. The officials will meet again soon.

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### MINE EXPLOSION.

### Five Men Reported Killed in Cabin Creek Mines.

Charleston, W. Va., April 20.—A mine explosion in Cabin creek mines, near Kayford, 30 miles above here, today is believed to have resulted in the death of five miners and fatally injuring three others. The disaster is thought to have been caused by a powder explosion, the result of miners' carelessness.

### MORMON JUSTICE.

### Jury Deliberating on a Verdict Ordered to Go Home.

Salt Lake City, April 20.—An unusual proceeding in the United States court was the dismissal of a jury, which had not reached a verdict. After deliberating for three hours without agreement the jury were ordered by Federal Judge Marshall to go home and return at 10 o'clock today to resume consideration of the case.

### Brotherhood of Carpenters.

New York, April 20.—Favorable action has been taken by the Greater New York Carpenters' Association to consider a plan for accepting charters from the National Brotherhood of Carpenters. With the acceptance of the charters a lockout will end which has kept several hundred men out of work since last August. Recently the trouble between unions threatened to spread also to other cities.

## HUNTING FOR BEAR

### President Still Hunting Grizzlies in the Rockies.

### ONLY ONE BEAR BEEN SHOT

Camp Will Be Moved Saturday and Will Be Located on the Divide Within Twenty Miles of Present Location and Nearer Town of Newcastle.

Glenwood Springs, April 20.—That President Roosevelt is enjoying royal sport in his hunt for Rocky mountain grizzlies is attested by Secretary Loeb, who returned from the camp today, having spent last night with the party. While the only game pulled down thus far is the bear shot by the president and the bottled cat shot by Dr. Lambert, there has been plenty of time for recreation. Every day the dogs have followed the trails that look promising, showing that there are more bears in the vicinity of the camp than are now being hunted. The camp will not be moved until next Saturday. Then the party will locate on the west divide creek within 20 miles of the present location and four miles nearer Newcastle.

The point toward which the party is working is red stone, where the camp will be broken on May 14. The private car, Rocket, will pick up the president there and he will spend the night at Glenwood Springs. The start home will be made on May 15 with stops of one day each in Denver and Chicago. Secretary Loeb left Glenwood Springs for president's camp yesterday morning with Elmer Chapman, the courier who brought out the first word from the camp.

### ANOTHER WITNESS.

### Man Discovered That Will Be Beneficial to Nan Patterson.

Newark, April 20.—The Vorwaerth, a Jewish newspaper, received a card from a Chicago man who says he thinks he was a witness to the killing of Caesar Young for which Nan Patterson is being tried in New York city. He says that Young shot himself.

### Japanese Advancing.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—A telegram from the seat of war in Manchuria states that the Japanese armies are advancing northward, preceded by cavalry.